

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Rob Claypool, Alan MacMillan, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Five voting members are present.

Citizen Inquiries:

Aileen Morrissey, Millbrook Meadow Committee - requests permission to install kiosk at Millbrook Meadow's Beach Street entrance; makes request in writing and shows kiosk location and design (similar to Rockport Art Association's kiosk); has received permission from BOS; DPW will install; kiosk will show updates on restoration project. Chairman Neal moves to allow installing kiosk at Millbrook Meadow as proposed; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0.

Phil Carter, 6B Squam Hill Court - asks for minor amendment to RDA (14-04) to make small addition >50' to stream; work to be foundation of two (2) sonotubes. Chairman Neal moves to allow adding two (2) sonotubes as proposed; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

Tom Mikus, 73 Marmion Way – asks for update on Penzance Road paving project; Agent Falco summarizes DEP site visit (on 8/19/15); DEP will act on appeal from DPW.

Stewardship

Trail map kiosk @Waring Field – Nick Holland has asked RCC if it wants kiosk at Waring Field; cost is \$300 per kiosk; Agent Falco displays area on screen; discussion ensues to include 2nd kiosk at Pine Pit trail. *Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street* - feels Delamater Preserve map should go on Waring field kiosk. Chairman Neal moves to purchase two trail map kiosks; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0. Chairman Neal moves to use up to \$600 of Town Fees money to pay for trail map kiosks; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Minutes.

08/05/15: Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

New Hearings

NOI 62-0714, Charles Schaub, 4 Cathedral Avenue (Map 15/Lot 32). *Construct additions & landscape yard within 100' of coastal bank.* Mr. Schaub and Tim Ford (representative) are present; Mr. Ford makes presentation; project is to make additions to cottage, to add 600 sf (~170 within 50' No Build Zone), to extend deck, to plant between Atlantic Path and cliff, and to plant privacy bushes along roadway; work is above flood zone; planting along Atlantic Path are to be *Rosa rugosa* and is for safety purposes. RCC concerns are: who delineated coastal bank; will work area be marked for site visit; feels delineation may be at applicant's loss. Site visit is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2015. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until September 2, 2015. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- Sampling on Saratoga Creek Salt Marsh-Lars Anderas (UMass Boston student) – Mr. Anderas' professor (Brad Hubeny-Salem State) makes presentation; Mr. Anderas is looking to expand his study of local ponds to salt marsh behind Long Beach (Saratoga Creek Salt Marsh); will take approximately 10 samples; shows locations on plan; describes sampling equipment; hopes to core samples on Friday, August 28, 2015; discussion ensues. RCC requests report of findings; requests notification to DPW prior to core sampling. *Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street*, - reports finding remnants of cedar forest at low tide on Cape Hedge Beach. Chairman Neal moves to allow sampling on Saratoga Creek Salt Marsh as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.
- Woodland Acres – Agent Falco has talked with Greenbelt; Greenbelt is working with owner to preserve land as open space and wants to know BOS status on subject; discussion ensues regarding presentation on Open Space; RCC requests that Agent Falco contact Mr. LaPointe and set up presentation for this fall.
- DEP Response to FEMA question – RCC asked DEP if amendment to an Order of Conditions (OC) should consider existing flood zone elevations when the OC was issued under different elevations. DEP says that amendments to OCs should use current information (including new FEMA data).
- Bylaw Updates – RCC postpones until Spring Town Meeting due to logistics.
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance**, DEP62-0404, EKD Realty Trust, 11 Beach Street (Map 18/Lot 256). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue CoC; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 5:0.

**Chairman Neal moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.
8:34 PM**

RCC ► Meeting adjourns 8:34 PM ◄ RCC